

# ADrift FOR WEEKS IN AN OPEN BOAT

TERRIBLE HARDSHIPS ENDURED  
BY SAILORS SHIPWRECKED IN  
THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

## TWO OF SURVIVORS SUCCUMB

Craft Containing Six Unfortunate  
Men Picked Up by British Vessel  
After They Had Undergone  
Intense Suffering.

New York.—A tale of the sea, rivaling in horror and hardship any tragedy of the deep ever told, was brought here the other day by William Kuhlmann, a seaman, who was a passenger on the steamer Voltaire from South American ports.

Kuhlmann is one of six survivors of the crew of the American ship Tillie



The Signal of Distress Was Answered.

E. Starbuck, which was abandoned last August more than a thousand miles off the Pacific coast of South America. He and his companions were rescued by a British ship after drifting about on the ocean for eight weeks in an open boat.

Two of the six men who had lived so long in the little craft died after succor had come to them, and Kuhlmann spent many weeks in a hospital at Valparaiso recovering from the effects of his terrible experience.

No word ever has been received from another boat which put off from the Starbuck when she was abandoned, and it is believed that its occupants died of starvation, thirst and exposure after weeks of vain waiting and hope that help might come to them.

It was when she struck out into the Pacific and was well on her way across the thousands of miles of sea which separated her from her destination that the Starbuck ran into the storm which ended her career and brought intense suffering to all and death to many of her crew. The storm broke in the latter part of July and on the last day of that month her masts were twisted out by the gale and she was left to wallow, water-logged and helpless, in the tumbling seas.

For 16 days the men stuck to the doomed craft, but at last, when it seemed every plunge would be her last, they were left no choice but to take to the little boats and trust to being picked up by some passing vessel.

A full thousand miles separated them from the nearest shore, that of South America. As the last man left the doomed hulk of the Starbuck the

torch was applied to her that she might not continue to float aimlessly about, a menace to other ships. For a time after the start the occupants of the two boats kept each other in sight, but eventually became separated, and then it was each for himself. Day and night, week after week, the occupants of Kuhlmann's boat maintained a constant watch for the sail or wraith of smoke which might mean life to them.

At last, after eight weeks of the most terrible mental and physical suffering, the Cambuskeneth hove in sight. The signal of distress, which had been set at the first warning, was answered and a few minutes later the half-famished, shipwrecked waifs were safe on board the big vessel.

There they were cared for as tenderly and carefully as the facilities at hand would permit, but so serious was the condition of all the men that it was necessary to transfer them to the hospital as soon as the ship reached Valparaiso. Two of the sufferers were found to be beyond human help, however, and sank steadily until death.

## WORKMAN IMPRISONED IN HEATING BOILER

HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE TURNS  
HEAD OF COAL BLACK HAIR  
TO GLISTENING WHITE.

Boston.—Imprisoned in a big boiler, underneath which a fire was gradually heating the flues to a point which would have meant a horrible death if his escape had been delayed but a few minutes longer, is the experience undergone by Arthur McDonald, a young boiler maker of Arkansas.

He has just left the hospital, a nervous wreck. His hair, which was coal black, now hangs over his forehead, a soft, glistening white.

At a sawmill at Hope, Ark., a new set of boilers had been put in. Something went wrong, and McDonald was called upon to repair the difficulty. After fixing the first boiler, he ordered the firemen to fill it with water and build a fire under it. McDonald then entered the second boiler, and had been working about an hour, when he noticed his candle growing dim, and started to investigate. Sick with horror, he realized that the negroes had misunderstood his orders and were building a fire underneath the boiler in which he was at work.

He struck his hammer against the sides of the boiler, hoping to attract their attention. Soon the heat began to be felt. With hands torn and bleeding, and eyes almost bursting from their sockets, the now thoroughly crazed man crawled back and forth in his prison, panting and praying and moaning. The flues became so hot they burned his feet, and his head ached with the heat. At almost the last moment a way of escape dawned upon him. Grasping the chisel he placed it against one of the flues under water and dealt it terrific blows. The chisel broke through the flue, letting the water follow. The negroes heard the water when it struck the flames, and, believing that the boiler still leaked, opened the water plug and raked out the fire. McDonald had a faint recollection of a patch of daylight when the manhole was opened, but knew nothing more for five days.

### Changed Their Babies.

To a party given by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Woodin of Chapinville, Conn., in honor of the twelfth anniversary of their marriage a few nights ago came all their country friends, farmers, their wives, children, babies and dogs.

While festivities were at their height the mischievous younger folks mixed the babies by changing the sleeping infants' clothes.

Mothers as a result took home babies not their own and the task of locating their own and changing clothes was no easy work, for Chapinville farmhouses are few and far between.

## SADLY MISTAKEN.



Hubby (disgustedly)—The doctor is a fool.

Wife—What's the matter, dear?

Hubby—He said I need exercise. Think of it! Exercise! Exercise for a man who has looked after his own furnace all winter, and is now contemplating the opening of the lawn mower season!

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